

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
Thursday January, 21, 2010

Present: Kathi Liberman, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Jane-Helen Ross, Donna Mattison, Christine Taylor, Caroline Tedone, Estelle Knurek, Mary Thibeault (for Kathy Bagley), Gerri Roberts, Nancy Stilwell (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

Minutes: A motion to accept the November, 2009 minutes was made by Jane Helen Ross and seconded by Joe Mehan. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Spring educational event on May 11th. Chuck Oakes will present Aging In Place, a multi-media presentation. The committee will be contacting vendors and inviting them to have booths or send literature for the event.

New Business:

- Council – Gerri Roberts reported on financial difficulties facing the town as we approach the budget for the coming year. She announced that Wethersfield will convert to single stream recycling in July and she mentioned the end of the MOU with SeniorNet that Donna Mattison explained to the committee. SeniorNet, has, in the past allowed a group of towns to form a consortium and pay one membership fee that covered several towns. They are no longer allowing this and the Wethersfield SeniorNet cannot afford the \$3500 per year fee that would be required. Hence, the center is ending its affiliation with SeniorNet and will become independent by the middle of March. This means that it cannot use SeniorNet materials or the logo. The volunteers will be meeting to map out their new direction as an independent computer learning center.
- Housing - Kathi Liberman reported that the Housing Authority will begin taking applications next week even though there is still a waiting list.
- Clergy – no report
- AARP – Gerri Roberts indicated that there are some new members. Due to increased expenses, AARP stopped printing a monthly newsletter and will now put notices in the Rare Reminder. They will sponsor Energy Bingo in February.
- Elderly Services – Christine Taylor reported the Department survived the Medicare Part D enrollment period that ended 12/31/09. Over 400 people have applied for energy assistance. There have been cuts to the State Commission on Aging.
- WACPD – Chris Taylor reported that there was no quorum at the last meeting.
- Senior Club – Joe Mehan reported that the Club had a holiday event and over 100 people attended. The group sent \$100 to Haiti for the relief effort.
- Senior Center – Donna Mattison reported that things are going along as planned. Donna and Nancy Stilwell discussed the upcoming budget. Departments are being asked to come in with the same bottom line as the last budget.

Announcements:

Joe Mehan announced that the Set Back group gave donations to the Food Bank and to St. Jude's instead of spending funds on their regular December banquet.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Helen Ross and seconded by Joe Mehan. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Stilwell, Ph.D.